Clinical Investigator Development Program

Application Deadline: October 15, 2010
Program Starts: July 1, 2011

The Center for Cancer Research (CCR) announces a training opportunity for physicians interested in dedicating their careers to clinical oncology research. The Clinical Investigator Development Program will link eligible clinicians to a vibrant, multidisciplinary research community of more than 250 talented CCR intramural scientists conducting cutting-edge research on the campuses of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda and Frederick, Maryland. The CCR is nationally recognized as a premier training ground for clinical research, which is conducted in the state-of-the-art Clinical Research Center in Bethesda.

Goal and Objectives

The program goal is to assist board-eligible/board-certified translational researchers to transition from a mentored position to independent investigator in either laboratory-based or patient-oriented research so that they will be highly competitive for tenure-track appointments in academia or comparable positions in government and industry. Potential areas of interest include medical oncology, pediatric hematology-oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, pathology, neuro-oncology, urology and dermatology. Program objectives are to develop competence and skills in study design, protocol development and patient-oriented research; acquire knowledge related to the ethical and regulatory issues of conducting clinical research involving human subjects; gain direct experience with and develop strategies for the collection and management of research data; and learn about function, development, organization and leadership of a multidisciplinary research team.

Program Provisions

Successful applicants will be awarded a 3-year appointment; competitive salary commensurate with subspecialty training and experience; dedicated laboratory space, if needed, and an independent budget; travel and training funds; and access to an extensive infrastructure including research nursing, data-management support, animal facilities, core services and advanced technologies such as imaging/microscopy, protein chemistry and purification, mass spectrometry, flow cytometry, genomics and transgenics and knockout mice. An attractive federal government employee benefit package includes health and life coverage, a retirement savings program and relocation expenses. Student loan repayment is possible through the NIH.

Requirements

During the program, participants must successfully complete the courses *Principles and Practice of Clinical Research, Clinical Pharmacology*, and *Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research*, or demonstrate competence in these areas; develop a research proposal within the first six months in collaboration with a mentor; and apply for an NIH Career Development Award (K mechanism) by the end of the second year. There will be an annual review of each participant's research program.

Eligibility and Selection Process

Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and have completed subspecialty training at a U.S.-accredited institution in appropriate fields. Candidates will be recruited nationwide. Awardees will be selected competitively by a review committee, and there will be a mentoring placement process.

Application Requirements

Applications must include a current curriculum vitae, complete bibliography, three letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, U.S. citizen or permanent residency documentation, evidence of board certification or board eligibility and a one-page description of research interests and goals and how these relate to the chosen field. Apply online at *NCI-CIDP.cancer.gov*. Applications must be submitted on or before 11:59 P.M. U.S. Eastern Standard Time, October 15, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Caceda cacedab@mail.nih.gov. Visit ***http://ccr.cancer.gov/careers/clinical_training.asp*** to learn more about clinical training opportunities at the Center for Cancer Research.

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